# STATE OF CONNECTICUT

### **House of Representatives**

General Assembly

File No. 734

January Session, 2015

Substitute House Bill No. 7053

House of Representatives, April 23, 2015

The Committee on Judiciary reported through REP. TONG of the 147th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY BY THE LAW REVISION COMMISSION OF PROCESSES INVOLVING THE FORECLOSURE OF TAX LIENS BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- Section 1. (Effective from passage) The Connecticut Law Revision
- 2 Commission shall conduct a study into the adequacy of state processes
- 3 governing the foreclosure of tax liens by a municipality. Such study
- 4 shall include, but not be limited to: (1) The feasibility of establishing an
- 5 expedited process for tax foreclosures on small parcels of land on
- 6 which taxes have not been paid for ten years or more; (2) an
- 7 examination of the constraints that municipalities encounter when
- foreclosing on such tax liens; and (3) an examination of the due process
- 9 issues which affect municipalities and interested parties when
- 10 foreclosing on such tax liens. On or before February 1, 2016, the
- 11 commission shall present its recommendations, including
- 12 recommendations for proposed statutory revisions, if any, to the joint
- 13 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 14 matters relating to municipalities and the judiciary and to the Chief

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#### 15 Court Administrator.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	from passage	New section

#### Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In the last sentence of section 1, "and" was inserted between "municipalities" and "judiciary" in lieu of the comma, for clarity.

JUD Joint Favorable Subst. -LCO

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#### **OFA Fiscal Note**

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Connecticut Law Revision Commission to conduct a study into the adequacy of state processes governing the foreclosure of tax liens by a municipality and present its recommendations to the judiciary and planning and development committees by February 1, 2016. There is no fiscal impact as prior studies for the commission have utilized legislative staff.

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State Impact: None

**Municipal Impact:** None

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#### **SUMMARY:**

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

**Judiciary Committee** 

Joint Favorable Yea 43 Nay 0 (04/06/2015)